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49/29. The Olympic Ideal

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/10 of 25 October 1993, in which it commemorated the centenary of the founding of the International Olympic Committee by proclaiming 1994 as International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal,

Recalling also its resolution 48/11 of 25 October 1993, on the observance of the Olympic Truce, which, inter alia, revived the ancient Greek tradition of ekecheria or "Olympia Truce", calling for all hostilities to cease during the Olympic Games, thereby mobilizing the youth of the world in the cause of peace,

Taking into account resolution CM/Res.1530(LX), adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixtieth ordinary session, held at Tunis from 6 to 11 June 1994, 1/

Reaffirming that the Olympic Ideal is to promote international understanding among the youth of the world through sport and culture in order to advance the harmonious development of humankind,

Recognizing that the Olympic Ideal is relevant to the United Nations Year for Tolerance, which will be commemorated in 1995, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/126 of 20 December 1993,

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1/ See A/49/313, annex I.

Noting with satisfaction the mutually beneficial cooperation agreements made between the International Olympic Committee and the relevant organs, organizations, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Environment Programme, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization and the World Health Organization,

Aware of the increasing humanitarian activities of the International Olympic Committee, such as food relief assistance to children in war-torn areas in cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and also aware of the pledges by the Committee to help reconstruct sport installations destroyed by war, such as those used in the Winter Olympic Games at Sarajevo in 1984,

1. Congratulates the International Olympic Committee upon its centenary and for its activities organized to celebrate the observance of the International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal in 1994 in cooperation with the International Sports Federations and the National Olympic Committees;

2. Welcomes the report of the President of the International Olympic Committee transmitted to members of the General Assembly concerning the 1994 International Year of Sport and the Olympic Ideal; 2/

3. Requests the Secretary-General to invite and encourage ministers of youth and sport or concerned officials of States Members of the United Nations to participate in the consideration by the Assembly at its fiftieth session of an item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal" on the eve of the centenary of the revival of the Olympic Games in 1896 at Athens, and also requests the Secretary-General to invite the President of the International Olympic Committee to attend;

4. Calls upon Member States to reaffirm during the fiftieth session of the Assembly the observance of the Olympic Truce, which will be observed during the next Summer Olympic Games, to be held at Atlanta, United States of America, in 1996;

5. Invites the President of the International Olympic Committee to mobilize the Olympic Movement in support of the forthcoming celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the United Nations and of the United Nations Year for Tolerance in 1995;

6. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its fiftieth session an item entitled "Building a peaceful and better world through sport and the Olympic Ideal".

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2/ A/49/720, annex.